

Urban and community forestry grants available

Up to \$5,000 in grants for community tree planting or tree inventory projects.

The Delaware Urban and Community Forestry Program is offering grants up to \$5,000 for tree planting projects on public land or to help communities complete a professional tree inventory. The competitive grants – open to all municipalities, homeowner associations, and certified 501(c)(3) non-profits in the State of Delaware – require a 50-50 match in either cash (non-federal funds) or in-kind services, which includes volunteer or staff time, equipment rental, or supplies. Requests can range from a minimum of \$500 to a maximum of \$5,000 in **one** of two project categories: tree planting or tree management (professional tree inventory **only**). Interested applicants **must** schedule a site visit with Delaware Forest Service urban forestry staff before applying and submit their application using the [online form](#).

The deadline to apply is March 1, 2019.

Thanks to federal funding, more than \$50,000 will be available for grants. In 2018, the program awarded [more than \\$58,000 for 16 tree projects](#).

Applications will be judged on a competitive basis by a grant committee of the [Delaware Community Forestry Council](#). Eligible projects must be performed on public lands within the community. Priority will be given to first time applicants, [Tree Friendly Communities](#), and applicants that have passed an Urban Tree Canopy Goal Resolution (only applies to Municipalities). Complete details at [delawaretrees.com](#).

“Community forests are critical to our quality of life. Trees provide cleaner air and water, wildlife habitat, lower energy costs, natural beauty, and improved property values. The Delaware Forest Service’s urban grant program is designed to help communities harness these many benefits. Tree projects can generate positive and lasting effects for years to come while also bringing residents and volunteers together to make their communities more livable and enjoyable,” said Kesha Braunskill, the Delaware Forest Service urban and community forestry program director.



**** Online applications require a [Google Account](#).**
Read [instructions here](#) on how to set up an account.



Residents of the Meadows at Old Landing in Rehoboth Beach completed a tree planting project with financial assistance from a Delaware Forest Service urban and community forestry grant.

Guidelines and Forms

- 2019 Grant Requirements and Application ([PDF](#)) ([Word](#))
- 2019 Volunteer Tracker Form ([Excel](#))
- Final Signature Page – Required ([Word](#))

Resource Links

- [Recommended Trees web page](#)
- [Recommended Trees for Delaware](#) (PDF)

Core Requirements

- Grant requests from a **minimum of \$500** to **maximum of \$5,000**
 - **Only one project** submission in **one category**: tree planting or tree management (inventory)
 - Project **must take place on public land** or community open space
 - Applicants must have an **Employer Identification Number** (EIN) – no payment will be made to individuals.
 - All applicants **must schedule a site visit** before submitting project
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Scheduling Site Visits

- Contact: **Kesha Braunskill** at kesha.braunskill@delaware.gov
- Contact: **Michael Martini** at michael.martini@delaware.gov
- Site visit **MUST** be scheduled a minimum of a week in advance
- No site visits will be done after **February 22, 2019**
- Appointments will be made on first-come first-serve basis
- **Final day** to make an appointment will be **February 15, 2019**